

WARNER—Sister Susanna, wife of Jonathan Warner, died March 23d, '94, at her home in Morrill, Brownlee, Kansas, and was buried in the cemetery of the Pony Creek, Brethren church, on Easter Sunday. The maiden name of Sister Warner was Susanna Gehrett and she was born in Wells Co., Ind., Feb. 11th, 1846. She was united in marriage with Jonathan Warner, Feb. 28, 1864, and became a member of the Brethren church in 1867, of which she remained a faithful member, persevering unto the end of the race.

She was the mother of ten children three of whom preceded her, and seven are yet living to mourn their loss, the youngest being but four years old.

Sister Warner was much afflicted of late years, during all which time she suffered patiently and with Christian fortitude; And although measles were the immediate cause of her death it was because of other diseases, perhaps, that she was unable to stand this last strain on her system.

We all mourn her loss but we mourn not as those without hope.

E. L. Y.

BENSHOFF.

Elder Solomon Benschhoff was born March 5, 1812, and died March 31, '94. Aged 82 years and 26 days. Elder Benschhoff was a son of Paul and Barbara Benschhoff who were among the early settlers of Western Pa. Elder Benschhoff was born and raised in Cambria county, Pa. He was one of thirteen children born to his parents. All are now dead save his youngest sister, Mrs Martha Strayer, widow of the late John Strayer.

Some time during the year 1833, Eld. Benschhoff was married to Miss Catharine Hildebrand, daughter of George Hildebrand, Sr., and sister to writer; the fruits of this union were six children. Jacob and Willie died while young. Daniel grew up to manhood, but contracted some disease while in the army of the late rebellion and died while at home on a furlough. Previous to his death he united with the German Baptist Church and died in the triumphs of a living faith. Susanna, wife of Abram Ribblet; Hannah, wife of Jonas F. Gochmour, and John J. of Rosedale, all live within a few miles of where they were born and raised.

Elder Benschhoff commenced house-keeping near the home of his parents on a farm now owned by Peter Stutsman in West Taylor township. He only lived on this farm for a few years until he moved to the farm on which he lived and died.

Elder Benschhoff's first wife died some about 1845 or 46, and some time afterward he married Mrs Susannah Hildebrand, widow of Jacob Hildebrand dec. To them two children were born; both died while young. Still later his second wife died and on the 25th of September, 1864, he married Miss Susan Stuver, who survives him. The fruits of this union were ten children. One died while young. Some time in the year 1834 Elder Benschhoff united with the German Baptist church

and lived a consistent member of this church all his life, and after being tried and proved, he was ordained to the office of deacon. Later he was elected as a minister of the Gospel and by his faithfulness many were brought into the church. Still later he was ordained to the full ministry and when Elder Abraham Stutsman moved West, the care of the church fell upon Elder Benschhoff, and it can truly be said of him that he was one who ruled well. When the division took place in the German Baptist church, Elder Benschhoff took his stand with the Progressive part of the Church and remained a Consistent Elder or Bishop in the Brethren church until he died. For the last few years he was confined to his home on account of his health failing him and therefore could not be active in church work, but was always looked up to for counsel in all important church business. He was a good father at home, also in the church, and the result is his entire family are members of the Brethren church. On the 3rd day of April his body was carried to its last resting place by six of his Brethren Preachers; namely: Gochmour, Crofford, Shaffer, Replogle, Adams, and Reichard. At his own request Elder Wm. Byers of Vinco, was to preach his funeral sermon, but he being sick, therefore the exercises were conducted by Elder Long and the writer.

So far as church is concerned the Eldership will now fall upon Elder Wm. Byers. Thus one by one we fall and others take our place.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

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